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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH STEFAN ANDREI: FOLLOW-UP ON EXCHANGES

1. IN MY MEETING WITH PARTY SECRETARY ANDREI ON JULY 5 I INQUIRED WHETHER HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY SINCE HIS RETURN TO PURSUE AS PROMISED THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WHICH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN HAD RAISED WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON. ANDREI RESPONDED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WHO HAD DIRECTED HIM TO TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE "THAT THIS WILL NO LONGER NEED TO BE A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." TOWARD THAT END HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE C W MINISTER OF EDUCATION GADEA AS SOON AS SHE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GET HER FEET ON GROUND AND AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HIS OWN TRIP ABROAD THIS WEEK. AT MY REQUEST HE SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER AS WELL AS NSF EXCHANGES WITH PRESIDENT URSU. THESE CONVERSATIONS WOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY.

2. I NOTED THAT I WOULD BE MEETING WITH URSU BEFORE MY DEPARTURE ON HOME LEAVE. I ALSO INDICATED THAT CHARGE WOULD BE AT DISPOSAL OF NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO DISCUSS EXCHANGE PROGRAM WHENEVER SHE FELT PREPARED. I REMINDED ANDREI OF MY NEED FOR CERTAIN NOMINATIONS BY SEPTEMBERSPND TT SUGGESTED THAT MEETING SHOULD THEREFORE TAKE PLACE BEFORE END OF JULY.

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3. IN CORRIDER CONVERSATION WITH ANDREI SIDE (PRODEA) FOLLOWING

MEETING I AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE UTILITY IN EMBASSY PROGS DING
DATA ON CURRENT EXCHANGES PICTURE IN ADVANCE OF ANY DISCUSSIONS.
PRODEA PROPOSED TO USE OUR INFORMATION TO SECURE REPORTS FROM
MINED AND NCST. WE ARE NOW PREPARING DATA TO BRIEF PRODEA.

4. IN BRIEF JULY 8 DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
GLIGA, GLIGA EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT WITH ANDREI'S INPUT
AND SOME PERSISTENT "NAGGING" BY MFA, FULBRIGHT NOMINATIONS
COULD BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 1 FOGA1977 WINTER SEMESTER AND BY
JANUARY FOR 1977-78 ACADEMIC YEAR INCLUDING FROM MINISTRIES
LIKE AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN TRADE WHERE PROFESSOR JELAVICH
HAD EARLIER FOUND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.
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